

TRADE AND COMMERCE.

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VICTORIA.

The unsettled weather of the past week has to a certain extent put a damper on business, but the general volume of trade is reported very fair. Stocks of imported goods are being replenished by the cargoes of the "Ariadne" and "Irvine" which have arrived from England, and are now being unloaded and put into store. The manifests of the above ships appear in this issue. The Banffshire is also discharging general cargo from Liverpool at Vancouver. Stocks of liquors and heavy imported merchandise should be fairly well assorted.

The West Coast Indian trade begins in June, and merchants are looking forward to the business usually received from that source. The celebration on the Queen's birthday will draw numerous visitors to this city, and it is expected a number of country buyers will avail themselves of the opportunity of visiting the wholesale warehouses.

The *West Coast Trade Review*, Tacoma, says: "Business for the past week has moved briskly and rounded up satisfactorily to the jobbing interest. The usual number of visiting buyers have been in the market, orders by wire and mail have been unusually good and road orders have averaged well; in fact it is generally conceded that spring trade up to date has been more than up to expectations. This situation is largely due to the special and untiring efforts of our jobbers to satisfy the varied wants of the retail trade by offering ample stocks from which to make selections and quoting prices which meet the sharpest competition, and it is very gratifying to know that their work in this direction has been crowned with a fair measure of success."

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

The following are the receipts of fruits and vegetables from San Francisco by ss. *Umatilla* on May 12: For Victoria—155 cs oranges, 19 cs lemons, 20 crates bananas, 9 pkgs containing 23 bxs cherries, 14 pkgs containing 40 bxs strawberries, 1 bx pineapples, 109 sacks potatoes, 48 crates cabbage, 36 sacks onions, 10 cs peas, 1 bx artichokes, 1 bx tomatoes, 3 cs vegetables; total, 135 pkgs. For Vancouver—80 bxs oranges, 34 crates bananas, 4 bxs pineapples, 3 bags peanuts, 6 cs vegetables, 1 bx horseradish, 3 cs celery, 5 bxs beans, 6 bxs asparagus, 8 cs peas, 5 bxs cucumbers, 25 crates cabbage, 26 sacks potatoes; total, 206 pkgs. Grand total, 641 pkgs. The receipts by the previous steamer amounted to 672 pkgs. Recent advices from San Francisco state that the recent wet weather there has, to a great extent, injured the crop of cherries, and it is not expected that cherries will be any lower on this market than present quotations, until the Island crop, which promises to be heavy, is put on the market. Reports say that the supply of potatoes last week was rather short. Some 600 sacks were, however, received, Monday, from Port Angeles and are quoted by jobbers at \$18 per ton. Black cherries are quoted 25 cents lower than last week, and

Sicily lemons are also quoted lower. quotations are: Oranges—Riverside seedlings, \$3; navels, \$4.75 to \$5.50; Los Angeles, \$2.75; California lemons, \$3.50 to \$4.75; Sicily lemons, \$5.00; bananas, \$3.50 to \$4.00; cabbage, 2c per lb.; asparagus, \$2.75 per box; apples, \$1.75 to \$2 per box; potatoes, \$17 to \$18 per ton; rhubarb, 5c; cranberries, \$3.75 @ 4 per box; new potatoes, 1½c per lb.; strawberries, \$1.00 a drawer; cherries—white, \$1.75 per box, black, \$2.25 per box; red California onions, 2½c per lb.; pineapples, \$6 a doz.; coconuts, 90c a doz.

FLOUR AND FEED.

The Victoria Mills reduced the price of their Delta and Lion brands of flour 25c per barrel, last week and local jobbers have lowered 25c in sympathy. The Columbia Mills have also reduced their price on Premier, in car lots, 10c per barrel, in sympathy with the late reduction in Manitoba Hungarian. The American flour market is weak, but no change in quotations is advised.

The Columbia Flouring Mills quote: For Enderby flour in carload lots, Premier, \$5.40; XXX., \$5.30; Strong Bakers or XX., \$5.00; Superfine, \$4.00. Quotations to the trade are:

Delta, Victoria mills.....	\$ 5 25 @ 0 00
Lion, ".....	5 25 @ 0 00
Premier, Enderby mills.....	5 75 @ 0 00
XXX., ".....	5 55 @ 0 00
XX., ".....	5 25 @ 5 50
Superfine, ".....	4 25 @ 4 50
Oglvie's Hungarian.....	5 85 @ 0 00
" Strong Bakers.....	5 50 @ 0 00
H. B. C. Fort Garry Hungarian.....	5 35 @ 0 00
Benton County, Oregon.....	5 75 @ 0 00
Snowflake.....	5 75 @ 0 00
Portland Roller.....	5 75 @ 0 00
Royal.....	5 45 @ 0 00
Wheat, per ton.....	35 00 @ 40 00
Oats.....	30 00 @ 00 00
Oil cake meal.....	35 00 @ 00 00
Chop feed.....	30 00 @ 00 00
Shorts.....	28 00 @ 30 00
Bran.....	26 00 @ 27 50
National Mills oatmeal.....	3 50 @ 0 00
" " rolled oats.....	3 50 @ 0 00
" " split peas.....	3 50 @ 0 00
" " pearl barley.....	4 50 @ 0 00
" " Chop feed.....	30 0 @ 0 00
California oatmeal.....	4 35 @ 0 00
California rolled oats.....	3 90 @ 4 00
Corameal.....	2 75 @ 3 00
Cracked corn.....	45 00 @ 50 00
Hay, per ton.....	18 00 @ 20 00
Straw, per bale.....	1 25 @ 0 00

RICE.

The Victoria Rice Mills quote wholesale:

Japan rice, per ton.....	\$77 50
China rice ".....	70 00
Rice flour ".....	70 00
Chit rice ".....	25 00
Rice Meal ".....	17 50

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

The following are the receipts of California butter by the steamship *Umatilla*, May 12, from San Francisco:—For Victoria—71 cs, 8,185 lbs.; 15 tubs, 1,000 lbs.; 15 kits, 450 lbs.; total, 9,635 lbs. For Vancouver—1 cs, 110 lbs.; 45 kits, 2,500 lbs.; total, 2,610 lbs. Grand total, 12,245 lbs. The market in San Francisco is said to be firmer owing to the large quantities that are being packed both by dealers and country dairymen. The local price still remains at 20c per lb. for California fancy roll. Manitoba creamery has already been offered in this market, and stocks will probably be received by the end of May.

Canadian cheese is quoted at 14c, and small quantity of new California cheese at 10c. Eastern Eggs are quoted at 18c and fresh Oregon at 22c. In meats there are no changes to advise.

Quotations are: Hams, 14c per lb.; breakfast bacon, 14c; backs, 13c; short roll, 11½c; long clear, 11c; pure kettle lard, 50 lbs, 13c; pure steam do., 12c; lard compound, 10½ @ 11½c; lard tins, 12½ @ 13½c.

Sugar quotations by jobbers are as follows: Granulated, 5½c; extra C, 5½c; yellow, 4½c; golden C, 4½c.

Falconer's Victoria Vinegar Works' goods are now carried by the leading wholesale grocers, comprising pure malt vinegar, tomato catsup, Worcesterst. sauce, mushroom catsup, apple and quince cider, lemon and vanilla extracts and fruit syrups—of home manufacture.

LUMBER.

The Chilean ship *Antionietta*, 990 tons arrived in Royal Roads last week, and is awaiting orders. The Chilean ship *Hindostan* is on the way from Valparaiso to load a return cargo of lumber at the Moodyville Mills. The *Barunga* has received orders and gone to Tacoma to load for Australia. The *Palawan*, under charter for the West Coast, has arrived at San Francisco, and is expected up shortly. There are, at present, seven vessels loading at B. C. ports for foreign. Quotations are as follows for cargo lots for foreign shipment, being the prices of the Pacific Pine Lumber Association: Rough merchantable, ordinary sizes, in lengths to 40 feet, inclusive, \$9 per M feet; rough deck plank, average length 35 feet, \$19; dressed flooring, \$17; pickets, \$9; laths, 4 feet, \$2.

FOREIGN COAL SHIPMENTS.

The following are the shipments for the two weeks ending May 14:—

NEW VANCOUVER COAL CO. SHIPPING.

Date.	Vessel and Destination.	Tons.
3.	America, sp. Port Townsend.....	2,954
3.	Mogul, str., Port Townsend.....	45
5.	Angeles, str., Port Townsend.....	53
6.	General Fairchild, bk., Dutch Harbor, Alaska.....	2,354
7.	Bundaleer, bk., San Francisco.....	1,423
7.	Mogul, str., Port Townsend.....	28
10.	Big Bonanza, ship, San Francisco.....	2,251
13.	St. Charles, ship, San Francisco.....	2,804
Total.....		11,912

The experiment of shipping salmon by express from the British Columbia to the New York markets is being undertaken by the C. P. R. company, and last evening one of the first shipments passed through Golden attached to the Atlantic express. The outside of the car was set off by streamers bearing the words, "British Columbia Salmon," and the names of the shippers, "Port and Winch."—*Golden Era*, May 14.

Mr. F. G. Walker, barrister, Victoria, has been committed for trial on a charge of misappropriating \$6,500 belonging to Mr. H. Fiennes Clinton, of New Westminster. Other claims of debt are being civilly prosecuted against Mr. Walker, to an amount, it is said, of more than \$100,000. Mr. Walker, who is out on bail under bonds for \$10,000, provided by Mr. Justice Crease and the Hon. C. E. Pooley, has made an assignment in trust for creditors. His downfall, it is said, can be traced largely to hazardous speculation in foreign townsite property.